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Dear Ms. Dolan,

I hope this message finds you well. As the chair of the Italian American Leadership Forum (IALF), I represent an association founded by the oldest and largest Italian American organizations in the country. Representing the needs of an estimated 18 million Americans of Italian heritage, the IALF serves as a platform to discuss, debate, and act on significant public policy issues affecting our community.

First and foremost, we would like to express our gratitude to AMC Networks for considering the addition of disclaimers to certain films, such as "Goodfellas," that include racial or cultural stereotypes. Your proactive approach in addressing these concerns is commendable.

However, we believe the language used in the current disclaimers could be improved. We propose the following language, which we feel more accurately addresses the potential impact of these films:

"The stereotypes and cultural clichés depicted in this work of fiction may be viewed as offensive and should not be considered an accurate reflection of any particular race or ethnicity. Viewer discretion is advised."

We request that this disclaimer be applied broadly across all organized crime movies shown on your network, including the Godfather trilogy, as well as any films that might be viewed as offensive by other ethnic groups. This suggestion is not meant to undermine the artistic value of these films but to remind viewers of their fictional nature and to protect communities from harmful stereotypes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response and hope you will consider our proposed changes.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Polo
Chair, Italian American Leadership Forum

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